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35th S.D. SPECIAL: GOP BLOOD BATH CONTINUES.

Editor's note: There are about 3 weeks remaining until voters go to the polls Mar. 14 in this special election to replace former State Sen. Marian Bergeson (R-Newport Beach). This special has been a nasty battle and may get even nastier. Here's our update & analysis...

...The three leading GOP contenders are Assembly members Ross Johnson & Doris Allen and former Assemblyman Gil Ferguson. Allen, who represents the 67th A.D., and Ferguson, who used to represent the 70th A.D., are long-time residents in the 35th S.D. As for Johnson, he's being tagged as the *carpetbagger* because his 72nd A.D. is outside the 35th and he had to re-register in order to run --- meaning he's no longer registered within his own 72nd A.D. *Hummm*....

...The *hummm* has now taken the form of that nasty 6 letter word that elected officials hate to hear: **recall**. A recall drive is being led by Fullerton resident Barbara Marr, who says she's livid at Johnson's actions. Marr's group is in the process of gathering the preliminary signatures before presenting a formal notice of intention to recall. It's not good news for Ross and he's mad as hell and claims the recall is the work of Ferguson. Johnson dismisses the residency stuff by saying *it's the quality of representation that counts and not the district lines*. It is a good line, but it may not fly in Orange Co...

...Although the O.C. Register's Feb. 4th poll is not a scientific sampling of opinion, the paper's Question of The Day got 2,155 responses. The question: should Assemblyman Ross Johnson, who has moved out of his A.D., continue to represent the area? 95% said NO, 5% said YES. A more scientific poll by The Tarrance Group (for Allen, 400 likely voters, Jan. 11-12) showed 76% of those questioned were *less likely* to vote for someone who did not originally live in the district, but recently moved there in order to run...

...Again, it's not good news for Johnson, but on the other hand he has the money to counter these attacks. In the important money game, Johnson had \$178,217 (cash on hand), compared to \$20,867 for Ferguson and Allen for \$8,985. These figures are several weeks old and all the candidates have since added more to their campaign warchests...

...Ferguson was first out of the box with an absentee mailer, but it has been Johnson who has hit the mail box most often. The hatred between Johnson & Ferguson is out in the open and many sources say the longer this feud continues, the better it is for Allen. FYI: Even though Ferguson is a long-time CRA favorite in O.C., Johnson got just enough votes to keep Ferguson from winning the local CRA endorsement. It would have been a big plus had Ferguson won. Stay tuned...

L.A. CITY ELECTIONS: FOCUS ON THE 5TH DIST.

Editor's note: The *special election* to fill out the remaining 2 years of Zev Yaroslavsky's term in West L.A.'s 5th District is the hottest council race in this year's muni election. Here is our update & analysis...

...There are *two absolutes* about this April 11 contest to replace the new county supervisor: 1) there will be a runoff on June 6th because no one will get a majority in the primary; and 2) this is Barbara Yaroslavsky's race to win or lose. The only question is which of the other top tier candidates will make the runoff with her???

...The **top tier** (besides Mrs. Yaroslavsky) includes former school board member Roberta Weintraub; L.A. Co. Dep. DA Lea Purwin D'Agostino; and attorney Michael Feuer. The other candidates are realtor Jeff Brain; communications specialist Dan McCrory and Farid Afshar. Urban planner Didacus Ramos and Martin Korn did **not** return papers --- surprising some 5th District insiders...

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...In terms of money, BY has raised \$279,000 and says she won't take city matching funds. And it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out who's helping BY raise this monster warchest. As for Feuer, he has raised \$119,500; Weintraub \$105,8000; and D'Agostino \$52,000. And all of the top tier candidates have hired campaign consultants. Yaroslavsky has Paul Kinney; Weintraub has hired Skelton, Grover & Assoc.; Feuer has retained Larry Levine; while D'Agostino has hired Darry Sragow. Lots of sub-consultants working too...

...Who has the edge in making the runoff with Barbara Yaroslavsky? If you believe the women's vote will be split, then perhaps Feuer may have an edge. If you think that name ID is the key, then Weintraub might have an edge. And if you believe that conservatives will vote in a bloc for the tough law & order candidate, then D'Agostino may have an advantage. But sooner or later these candidates have to go on the attack. Our sources think they'll go after each other --- as opposed to bashing the Yaroslavskys, although both Barbara and Zev will get hit. What's on the plate in terms of issues? Growth, heavy traffic congestion, crime & earthquake recovery...

...As for Barbara, she's got all the advantages (and negatives) of incumbency, without actually being an incumbent: great name ID, a huge warchest and good endorsements, including L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan. But she's **not** a polished speaker and it shows in public forums. Her strategy in forums: don't make any big mistakes...

● **10th District Update** - The L.A. Daily News has a story in its Feb. 3rd edition saying candidate Stan Sanders is under investigation by the FPPC. The agency is checking whether the former candidate for mayor acted properly in 1993 when he reportedly used campaign funds (\$53,490) to settle a lawsuit over delinquent rent he owed. We'll keep you posted...

...FYI: The YES side of all the charter amendments on the April 11th L.A. City ballot will be managed by consultants Rick Taylor and Steve Afriat. Stay tuned...

RNC CHAIR BARBOUR TO ADDRESS TOWN HALL.

RNC Chair Haley Barbour will address Town Hall of Los Angeles, 12 p.m., Feb. 27, Sheraton Grande Hotel, L.A. For info (213)628-8141...

L.A. COUNCILMAN ALARCON TO ADDRESS FORUM.

L.A. Councilman Richard Alarcon will address members of the L.A. Current Affairs Forum, 11:30 a.m. reception, 12 noon lunch, Mar. 2, Hotel Inter-Continental in L.A. For info & RSVPs, call Emma Schaffer (310)445-8862...

CALPEEK's INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

● **CA Trial Lawyers Gear Up** - In response to reports that there could be 2-3 unfriendly initiatives on the '96 ballot, the CA Trial Lawyers Assn.'s Legislative Cmt., headed by chair Mary Alexander, is going to hold meetings Feb. 27-28 in S.F. to listen to proposals from political consultants. Already at the AG's office for title & summary is an initiative calling for ***no fault auto insurance*** and a second measure limiting ***attorney's contingency fees***...

● **O.C. Business Leaders Headhunting** - No, the Orange Co. Business Council is not looking to hire more people -- instead it wants to *fire* some folks. The targets of the business council are O.C. Supes. Gaddi Vasquez, William Steiner and Roger Stanton. Sources say the council is trying to pressure these three into resigning, or at the very least, stating publicly that they will not seek reelection. Why are the business leaders pushing such demands? Sources say the business leaders want the supes to consider ***tax increases*** as part of a county bankruptcy recovery plan. Right now all 5 supes are living in fear of the "T" word and say they won't consider tax hikes...

● **Hoffenblum & Slate Council Part** - Since 1988, consultant Allan Hoffenblum has produced one of the more successful conservative/GOP slates in Calif. Hoffenblum produced the slate for the Non-Partisan Candidate Evaluation Council. Now the two are parting company and Hoffenblum will produce his own slate, with a new name. We'll keep you posted...

● **Donelon Wins Long Beach Race** - In what started in January of 1994 finally ended Feb. 7, with contractor Mike Donelon winning a city council seat over Tonia Reyes Uranga in a fairly convincing manner. A far cry from the June 1994 runoff, when the two were tied. Uranga actually had a 6-vote margin, but when 7 late

absentee ballots turned up for Donelon, this whole thing turned into a legal brouhaha - with a judge ordering this special election. A nice win for Adler-Wilson Campaign Services...

- **Guerrilla Artist At Work** - Some GOPers probably regard guerilla/pop/political artist Robbie Conal as a *tagger* because his latest creation is plastered all over West L.A. It's a portrait of GOP House Speaker Newt Gingrich, with the headline: **NEWTWIT**...

- **The Foster Brouhaha** - To the delight of Pro-Choice groups and some Demos, it appears that the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster to be U.S. Surgeon General has brought *abortion* back to the front burner and on high heat. The Pro-Choice groups are urging Pres. Bill Clinton to fight for his nominee. This latest political battle also is providing a very solid test of the GOP's *big tent*. A strong, hardline, Pro-Life wind (Pat Buchanan) is trying to topple the tent and this in turn could cause problems for the GOP in '96. How did Clinton get so lucky? He stumbled into this one. Some GOPers want hardliners to drop this anti-Foster campaign and return to "The Contract." As one Republican source told CALPEEK, "Social issues divide, economic issues unite." Stay tuned...

FULL METAL JACKET: THE GUN EVERYONE WANTS TO FORGET. IT'S THE GUN O.J. HELD TO HIS HEAD...

Editor's note: Television's coverage of that white Ford Bronco cruising the So. Calif. freeways with passenger O.J. Simpson hiding in the back seat is still a vivid memory to many. And many also remember driver Al Cowlings, O.J.'s best friend, telling police on his cellular phone that Simpson had a gun and that he was afraid Simpson might kill himself. It's the **GUN** *that everyone wants to forget*. Here is our brief update...

...In a Feb. 7th letter to L.A.P.D. Chief Willie Williams, State Sen. Steve Peace (D-Chula Vista) has asked L.A.'s top cop if there has been any action taken against Lt. Earl Paysinger, the police officer who (according to an L.A. Times story) may have supplied this weapon to Simpson...

...Sources say the L.A.P.D. has investigated this incident and it was treated as a "personnel complaint," but the outcome or punishment with regard to Pay-

singer, if any, is unclear. It's possible that in Chief Williams' response we'll learn more...

...According to Peace's letter, (which is based on the LAT story) Paysinger bought a gun and reportedly gave it to Simpson. But did Paysinger fill out all the necessary paperwork or did he violate P.C. Section 12072(d), which requires that all sales, loans and transfers of firearms be processed through a state licensed firearms dealer? According to Peace's letter, both Paysinger and Simpson may have violated this section of the law -- although it was only a misdemeanor at the time. Today, a violation of this law can be treated as either a felony or a misdemeanor. We'll keep you posted. Stay tuned...

KEEPING SCORE ON KEY VOTES BY CONGRESS.

Editor's note: Here's a brief update on how members of the CA Congressional delegation voted on four key issues: 1) balanced budget; 2) unfunded mandates; 3) line-item veto; 4) revised crime bill...

- **Balanced Budget** - All GOP members voted YES along with Demos Condit, Dooley & Harman. All other Demos voted NO...

- **Unfunded Mandates** - All GOP members voted YES along with Demos Berman, Condit, Dixon, Dooley, Eshoo, Fazio, Harman, Lantos & Lofgren. All other Demos voted NO. Becerra didn't vote...

- **Line-Item Veto** - All GOP members voted YES along with Demos Brown, Condit, Dooley, Eshoo, Harman and Lantos. All other Demos voted NO. Becerra & Tucker didn't vote...

- **Revised Crime Bill** - All GOP members voted YES, along with Demo Gary Condit. All other Demos voted NO. Becerra & Matsui didn't vote. Stay tuned...

REVITALIZATION OF L.A. TOPIC FOR WIPA LUNCH.

"The Revitalization of Los Angeles" is the topic of a panel discussion featuring a trio of top real estate and design experts, hosted by Women In Public Affairs (WIPA), 11:30 a.m. reception, 12 noon lunch, Feb. 23, The Biltmore Hotel, L.A. For info call Melissa Anderson at (310)496-2257...

59th A.D. SPECIAL ELECTION: LARGE GOP FIELD.

Editor's note: As mentioned in last week's issue, Gov. Pete Wilson has set April 11 for a special election to replace Richard Mountjoy(R-Arcadia), who is now in the State Senate. Here's our 1st update & report on this special election...

...Eleven GOP candidates have taken out papers to run in this special and there is a possibility of even a few more Republicans entering the race. No Demos so far in this heavy GOP registration district...

...Some sources tend to break the GOP field down into 3 tiers. In the **top tier** are Arcadia Councilman R.G. "Bob" Margett and Duarte Councilwoman Ginny Joyce. In the **second tier** are community college trustee Gary Woods; current Glendora Councilwoman Lois Shade; ex-Glendora Councilman Bob Kuhn (who lost his seat in 1994 to Shade); and community college trustee Gary Miller. This is **not** the same Gary Miller who ran in the recent 29th S.D. special. That Gary Miller is a Diamond Bar councilman and lives in the 60th A.D. But with the same last name --- and given the fact that Councilman Miller spent \$250,000 in that 1994 special, college board trustee Gary Miller goes into this campaign with solid "same name ID." In a special like this, name ID is critical...

...In the **also-running** category are Robert L. Musich; Jeffrey L. Ruffner; Victor Valenzulela; Khalil Khalil; and James M. Oghigian. Stay tuned...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

- Former CDP chair Peter D. Kelly and Pacific/West Communaitons Group, Inc. have formed Pacific/West Advocacy, a lobbying firm. Kelly retains his law firm affiliation as well as his other business interests...

- Michelle K. Brooks of the Western Mobilehome Parkowners Assn. is the 1995 chair of Women In Public Affairs(WIPA)...

- The Monaco Group, the fundraising and campaign printing & mail specialists, has moved to 701 E. Ball Rd., Ste. 103, Anaheim, CA 92805. New phone is (714)533-5180...

- Jami Warner has joined Sacto-based Deen & Black Public Relations as a Sr. VP. She was director of client services with Stoorza, Ziegaus et al in Sacto...

- James Sivesind has been named Assoc. Counsel to the U.S. House Oversight Cmt. He was an associate attorney in the L.A. office of Reed & Davidson...

- Campaign consultants Wirt Morton, Griffin Merkel and Robert Kiley have formed a new political campaign consulting firm called Electus. No HQ address at present, but the firm will operate in out Orange Co., L.A. and Phoenix, AZ. Kiley can be reached at (714)777-4653...

- Steve Smith has been named Political Director of the CA Demo Party. Smith was the PD of the CA State Employees Assn. PAC...

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